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Docket No.: 21.1993

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Sawao IWATANI

Serial No. 09/779,844

Group Art Unit: 2142

Confirmation No. 5417

Filed: February 9, 2001

Examiner: Vu, Thong

For: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM

COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on June 8, 2006 fails to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority in the above-referenced application.

Attached hereto, is a copy of the Declaration that was filed in the application on February 9, 2001, indicating filing of a claim for foreign priority, and also a copy of the Submission of Certified Copy of Prior Foreign Application In Accordance with the Requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 indicating filing of a claim for foreign priority, along with a copy of the first page of the priority document, and a copy of the stamped postcard showing that a certified copy of foreign priority Application No. 2000-167482 was filed in the above-referenced application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge filing the claim for foreign priority and the certified copy of the foreign application in the subject application by checking the appropriate boxes 3(a)(1) of the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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